

MINUTES
HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2010

Commissioners Present: Joyce Singer Abrams, Mary Alcock, Bruce Abrams, Mark Dillon, Shonee Henry, Nicole Murray Ramirez, Tiffany Harrison, George Mitrovich

Excused: Mitz Lee, Robert Shim, Gracia Molina de Pick, Gary Lynn, Carolina Alcoser Ramos

Absent: Teresa Oyos

Staff: Danell Scarborough, Executive Director; Pam Holmberg, Labor Relations

Chair Abrams called the 223th meeting of the City of San Diego Human Relations Commission (HRC) to order at 5:30 PM

- WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Roll Call

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Dillon to approve the September 15, 2010 minutes.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Alcock.

The motion passed.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

- BUSINESS

Old Business

- HRC Statement Urging Tolerance and Inclusion

Commissioner Dillon previously drafted a letter urging tolerance and understanding between groups with different perspectives. The Commissioners reviewed the letter and Commissioner Dillon asked to be given time to re-craft his letter. He will present to the Commission once he has fine tuned his approach. There was no motion.

- Update on progress regarding reestablishing a County HRC

The Commission has not had success in reestablishing the County HRC to date. They will continue to approach the County through different avenues.

- Discussion and planning for HRC Annual Awards and Commendations

Commissioner Henry and Executive Director Scarborough announced they had received four nominations for the Keith M. Turnham Award. A sub-committee will review the nominations on Monday, October 25 and present two finalists for the Commission's consideration at the November meeting.

New Business

- **Protect All Youth – Rally and Vigil**
Commissioner Murray Ramirez reported on the successful October 17 rally. The anti-bullying rally featured many inspirational speakers. Commissioner Murray Ramirez asked Executive Director Scarborough to send letters to the participants from the Commission thanking them for their contribution.
- **Follow-up letter to Elected Officials on UCSD Panel “Addressing Intolerance in Higher Education”**
Commissioner Harrison presented a letter for consideration to be sent to the panel members of the “Addressing Intolerance in Higher Education” forum following up on what actions had been take regarding UCSD’s commitment to creating a campus climate that supports and honors diversity.
Commissioner Mitrovich made motion to approve and send the letter.
The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dillon
The motion passed.
- **CHAIR’S REPORT**
 - **Religion in America Panel Discussion at SDSU**
Chair Abrams reported on the events at the Panel Discussion. The discussion was a great event and very informative to all that attended.
 - **National Disability Employment Awareness Month**
Chair Abrams, Commissioner Henry and Executive Director Scarborough participated in an event sponsored by the City’s Disability Services Department which illustrated how it felt to be disabled for a day. The event was very successful in demonstrating obstacles faced on a regular basis by the disabled.
- **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT**
 - **CAHRO Training Conference**
Executive Director Scarborough attended her first CAHRO board meeting on October 1. CAHRO will be hosting a State-wide training conference on Monday, February 7, 2011 in Los Angeles. She would like all the Commissioners to attend and has secured funding for train fare and registration. Executive Director Scarborough is on the planning committee for the conference and welcomes any suggestions.
 - **Commissioner Monthly Activities and Reports**
The Commissioners were encouraged by Executive Director Scarborough to fill out their activities report and return them to her on a monthly basis. The information from these reports is used to help show the Commission is meeting performance measures and also to ensure funding in the future.

Any event a Commissioner attends as a representative of the Human Relations Commission should be recorded.

- **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS**

- **Task Force Update**

No reports.

- **Events Updates**

Urban League Young Professionals Awards

APAC Celebrating Diversity For Unity Dinner

ICWJ Breakfast

MLK All People's Breakfast

The Commissioners gave update reports on various upcoming events. Executive Director Scarborough is working to update the calendar on the Commission's website so all can keep informed of upcoming events. All are encouraged to participate and represent the Commission.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

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